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## **FORM 10-Q**

# ☑ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED September 29, 2007

OR

## • TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM

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Commission file number 001-15943

## CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State of Incorporation)

06-1397316 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

251 BALLARDVALE STREET, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01887

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

978-658-6000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  $\boxtimes$  No o

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer o Non-accelerated Filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No 🗵

As of November 1, 2007, there were 67,922,306 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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#### For the Quarterly Period Ended September 29, 2007

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#### **Special Note on Factors Affecting Future Results**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and the future results of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. ("Charles River") that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about the industries in which Charles River operates and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as "expect," "anticipate," "target," "goal," "project," "intend," "plan," "believe," "seek," "estimate," "will," "likely," "may," "designed," "would," "future," "can," "could" and other similar expressions that are predictions of or indicate future events and trends or which do not relate to historical matters are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations and beliefs of Charles River and involve a number of risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict. For example, we may use forward-looking statements when addressing topics such as: future demand for drug discovery and development products and services, including the outsourcing of these services; future actions by our management; the outcome of contingencies; changes in our business strategy; changes in our business practices and methods of generating revenue; the development and performance of our services and products; market and industry conditions, including competitive and pricing trends; changes in the composition or level of our revenues; our cost structure; the impact of acquisitions and dispositions; the timing of the opening of new and expanded facilities; our expectations with respect to sales growth, efficiency improvements and operating synergies; changes in our expectations regarding future stock option, restricted stock and other equity grants to employees



and directors; changes in our expectations regarding our stock repurchases; assessing (or changing our assessment of) our tax positions for financial statement purposes; and our cash flow and liquidity. You should not rely on forward-looking statements because they are predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document or in the case of statements incorporated by reference, on the date of the document incorporated by reference. Factors that might cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2006 under the section entitled "Risks Related to Our Business and Industry," the section of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in our press releases and other financial filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We have no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or risks. New information, future events or risks may cause the forwardlooking events we discuss in this report not to occur.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

## (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

		Three Months Ended				
	Sej	ptember 29, 2007	Se	eptember 30, 2006		
Net sales related to products	\$	104,228	\$	92,886		
Net sales related to services		209,736		171,774		
Total net sales		313,964		264,660		
Costs and expenses						
Cost of products sold		55,487		52,533		
Cost of services provided		134,578		109,865		
Selling, general and administrative		51,847		41,211		
Amortization of intangibles		8,421		9,430		
Operating income		63,631		51,621		
Other income (expense)						
Interest income		2,317		2,503		
Interest expense		(4,645)		(6,107)		
Other, net		(861)		45		
Income before income taxes and minority interests		60,442		48,062		
Provision for income taxes		16,808		15,489		
Income before minority interests		43.634		32,573		
Minority interests		(98)		(440)		
Income from continuing operations		43,536		32,133		
Loss from operations of discontinued businesses, net of taxes		(759)		(48,739)		
Net income (loss)	\$	42,777	\$	(16,606)		
Basic earnings (loss) per common share:	¢	0.65	¢	0.40		
Continuing operations	\$	0.65	\$	0.48		
Discontinued operations		(0.01)		(0.73)		
Net income (loss)	\$	0.64	\$	(0.25)		
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share:						
Continuing operations	\$	0.63	\$	0.47		
Discontinued operations		(0.01)		(0.72)		
Net income (loss)	\$	0.62	\$	(0.24)		

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

## (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

		Nine Months Ended				
	Se	ptember 29, 2007	Se	eptember 30, 2006		
Net sales related to products	\$	313,297	\$	284,793		
Net sales related to services		599,301		501,867		
Total net sales		912,598		786,660		
Costs and expenses						
Cost of products sold		166,772		156,768		
Cost of services provided		385,398		325,015		
Selling, general and administrative		160,956		133,976		
Amortization of intangibles		24,415		27,882		
Operating income		175,057		143,019		
Other income (expense)						
Interest income		6,908		4,238		
Interest expense		(13,890)		(14,519)		
Other, net		(1,781)		(643)		
Income before income taxes and minority interests		166,294		132,095		
Provision for income taxes		47,219		37,170		
Income before minority interests		119,075		94,925		
Minority interests		(471)		(1,496)		
Income from continuing operations		118,604		93,429		
Loss from operations of discontinued businesses, net of taxes		(1,108)		(184,401)		
Net income (loss)	\$	117,496	\$	(90,972)		
Basic earnings (loss) per common share:						
Continuing operations	\$	1.78	\$	1.34		
Discontinued operations		(0.02)		(2.64)		
Net income (loss)	\$	1.76	\$	(1.30)		
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share:						
Continuing operations	\$	1.74	\$	1.32		
Discontinued operations		(0.02)		(2.60)		
Net income (loss)	\$	1.72	\$	(1.28)		

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

## (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	September 29, 2007		1	December 30, 2006
ssets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	183,497	\$	175,380
Trade receivables, net		232,041		202,658
Inventories		80,234		72,362
Other current assets		58,159		44,363
Current assets of discontinued operations		1,414		6,330
Total current assets		555,345		501,093
Property, plant and equipment, net		688,150		534,745
Goodwill, net		1,120,292		1,119,309
Other intangibles, net		156,397		160,204
Deferred tax asset		92,453		107,498
Other assets		118,950		133,944
Long term assets of discontinued operations		4,187		751
Total assets	\$	2,735,774	\$	2,557,544
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iabilities and Shareholders' Equity Current liabilities				
	\$	24 122	\$	24,977
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	\$	24,133 36,013	Ф	
Accounts payable		,		28,223
Accrued compensation Deferred revenue		44,011		41,651
Accrued liabilities		88,447		93,197
Other current liabilities		64,798		41,991
Current liabilities of discontinued operations		32,714 250		25,625 3,667
Current natimites of discontinued operations		230		5,007
Total current liabilities		290,366		259,331
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations		493,697		547,084
Other long-term liabilities		146,148		146,695
Total liabilities		930,211		953,110
Commitments and contingencies				
Minority interests		3,467		9,223
Shareholders' equity				
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and				
outstanding		—		_
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 120,000,000 shares authorized; 75,036,493 shares				
issued and 67,944,512 outstanding at September 29, 2007 and 73,416,303 issued and 66,919,634 shares outstanding at December 30, 2006		751		734
Capital in excess of par value		1,887,767		1,818,138
Accumulated earnings		1,087,707		23,123
Treasury stock, at cost, 7,091,981 and 6,496,669 shares at September 29, 2007 and		140,019		25,123
December 30, 2006, respectively		(298,269)		(267,955
Accumulated other comprehensive income		71,228		21,171
Total shareholders' equity		1,802,096		1,595,211
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	2,735,774	\$	2,557,544

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

## (dollars in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended		
	September 29, 2007	September 30, 2006	
Cash flows relating to operating activities			
Net income (loss) Less: Loss from discontinued operations	\$ 117,496 (1,108)	\$ (90,972 (184,401	
Income from continuing operations	118,604	93,429	
Adjustments to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	63,105	60,759	
Impairment charge	1,583	2,648	
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts Amortization of premiums on marketable securities	1,946 17	1,801	
Provision for doubtful accounts	919		
Minority interests	471	1,496	
Deferred income taxes	(3,029)	5,038	
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(2,116)	94	
Net purchase, proceeds and gains on trading securities	4,042	_	
Non-cash compensation	19,815	15,795	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	, í	í í	
Trade receivables	(19,509)	(9,320	
Inventories	(5,909)	(6,236	
Other current assets	(5,802)	(8,56)	
Other assets	(1,821)	(4,648	
Accounts payable	(7,132)	(5,890	
Accrued compensation	634	(5,121	
Deferred revenue	(4,839)	(16,273	
Accrued liabilities	3,067	(2,588	
Other current liabilities	6,678	(23,779	
Other long-term liabilities	730	3,908	
Net cash provided by operating activities	171,454	102,727	
Cash flows relating to investing activities			
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(11,584)	_	
Capital expenditures	(137,671)	(99,760	
Purchases of marketable securities and other investments	(251,659)	(130,070	
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	3,231 264,956	25 35,331	
Net cash used in investing activities	(132,727)	(194,474	
Cash flows relating to financing activities			
Proceeds from long-term debt and revolving credit agreement	(56 730)	440,300	
Payments on long-term debt, capital lease obligation and revolving credit agreement	(56,730)	(140,429	
Purchase of call option	14	(98,293	
Proceeds from exercises of warrants Proceeds from issuance of warrants	14	79	
Proceeds from exercises of employee stock options	42.952	65,239 19,810	
Excess tax benefit from exercises of employee stock options	42,932	3,172	
Dividends paid to minority interests	(1,357)	(1,916	
Purchase of treasury stock	(30,314)	(246,603	
Payment of deferred financing costs	(35)	(8,80	
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(41,174)	32,552	
Net cash (used in) provided by initiationing activities	(+1,1/+)		
Discontinued operations			
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(3,044)	4,889	
Net cash provided by investing activities	(2,2.1)	194,022	
Net cash used in financing activities	—	(182	
Net cash (used in) provided by discontinued operations	(3,044)	198,72	
Net cash (used in) provided by discontinued operations	(5,044)	190,723	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	13,608	(85)	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	8,117	138,683	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	175,380	114,821	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 183,497	\$ 253,504	
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Supplemental cash flow information	¢ 2.420	¢ 0.50	
Capitalized interest	\$ 3,629	\$ 2,594	

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

### (dollars in thousands)

	 Total	_	Accumulated Earnings	_	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Common Stock	Capital in Excess of Par	Treasury Stock
Balance at December 30, 2006	\$ 1,595,211	\$	23,123	\$	21,171	\$ 734	\$ 1,818,138 \$	(267,955)
Components of comprehensive income,								
net of tax:								
Net income	117,496		117,496		—	—	—	
Foreign currency translation								
adjustment	49,814		—		49,814		—	
Amortization of pension gains								
(losses) and prior service (cost)								
credits	282		—		282	—	—	
Unrealized gain on marketable								
securities	(39)		—		(39)	_	—	—
Total comprehensive income	167,553							
Tax benefit associated with stock issued	107,555							
under employee compensation plans	6,865						6,865	
Issuance of stock under employee	0,005						0,000	
compensation plans	42,952		_		_	17	42,935	
Exercise of warrants	14		_		_		14	
Acquisition of treasury shares	(30,314)	1			_		—	(30,314)
Stock-based compensation	17,941		_		_		17,941	
Performance based compensation	1,874		—		—	—	1,874	—
Balance at September 29, 2007	\$ 1,802,096	\$	140,619	\$	71,228	\$ 751	\$ 1,887,767 \$	(298,269)

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

#### NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED

#### INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited, and certain information and footnote disclosures related thereto normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America have been omitted in accordance with Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. The year-end condensed balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared following the same policies and procedures used in the preparation of the audited financial statements and reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary to state fairly the financial position and results of operations of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the "Company"). The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire fiscal year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2006.

Certain amounts in prior year financial statements and related notes have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation.

#### 2. Discontinued Operations

The consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to segregate, as discontinued operations, the assets and liabilities, operating results and cash flows of the businesses being discontinued for all periods presented. Operating results from discontinued operations are as follows:

		Three Mor	nded	Nine Months Ended						
		September 29, 2007					September 29, 2007			September 30, 2006
Net sales	\$	36	\$	12,941	\$	582	\$	73,497		
Income (loss) from operations of				,				,		
discontinued businesses, before income taxes	\$	2,496	\$	(4,473)	\$	1,986	\$	(139,543)		
Provision for income taxes		3,255		44,266		3,094		44,858		
			_		_		_			
Loss from operations of discontinued										
businesses, net of taxes	\$	(759)	\$	(48,739)	\$	(1,108)	\$	(184,401)		
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Assets and liabilities of discontinued operations at September 29, 2007 and December 30, 2006 consisted of the following:

	_	September 29, 2007				
Current assets	\$	1,414	\$ 6,330			
Long-term assets	_	4,187	751			
Total assets	\$	5,601	\$ 7,081			
	_					
Current liabilities	\$	250	\$ 3,667			
Total liabilities	\$	250	\$ 3,667			

Current assets included accounts receivable and other current assets. Non-current assets included property, plant and equipment and other non-current assets. Current liabilities consisted of accounts payable, deferred income and accrued expenses.

During the quarter ended September 29, 2007, the Company filed its 2006 U.S. federal and state income tax returns which included the discontinued businesses. As a result of this filing, additional income tax expense of \$3,308 and an adjustment to the loss from the sale of Phase II-IV Clinical business of \$2,653 was recorded in discontinued operations during the third quarter of 2007.

During 2006, the Company sold Phase II-IV of its clinical services business. Actions to initiate this sale began during the first quarter of fiscal 2006. Accordingly, management performed appropriate goodwill impairment and asset impairment tests for the clinical business segment. As a result, the Company recorded charges of \$129,187 to write down the value of the goodwill associated with the clinical business in the first quarter of 2006.

In the second quarter of 2006, taking into account the planned divestiture of the Phase II-IV Clinical Services business, the Company performed an impairment test on the long-lived assets of the Clinical Phase II-IV business. Based on this analysis, the Company determined that the book value of assets assigned to the Clinical Phase II-IV business exceeded its future cash flows, which included the proceeds from the sale of the business, and therefore, recorded an impairment of the assets of \$3,900 in the second quarter of 2006.

In addition, during the second quarter of 2006 the Company made a decision to close its Interventional and Surgical Services (ISS) business, which was formerly included in the Preclinical Services segment. The Company performed an impairment test on the long-lived assets of the ISS business and based on that analysis, determined that the book value of the ISS assets exceeded the future cash flows of the ISS business. Accordingly, an impairment charge of \$1,070 was recorded in the second quarter of 2006.

In the third quarter of 2006, the discontinued business recorded a loss from operations of \$4,473 which included a \$546 loss from the sale of the Phase II-IV Clinical business. As a direct result of the sale, the Company realized a significant tax gain resulting in additional tax expense of \$45,267.

#### 3. Impairment and Other Charges

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During the second quarter of 2006, the Company recorded charges of \$5,300 associated with actions designed to improve operating efficiency and profitability. In the Research Models and Services segment the charges were \$2,334 for closure of two small vaccine facilities and a management consolidation in the Transgenic Services business. In the Preclinical Services segment, the charges were \$2,966 for headcount reductions, primarily in the Montréal facility and closure of a small Interventional and Surgical Services operation in Ireland.

#### 4. Business Acquisitions

On June 14, 2007, the Company entered into a joint venture with Shanghai BioExplorer Co., Ltd., a Shanghai, China-based provider of preclinical services, to form Charles River Laboratories Preclinical Services—China. The Company paid \$2,400 in cash for a 75% ownership interest in the joint venture. Additionally, as part of the agreement, the joint venture purchased the net assets of Shanghai BioExplorer for a purchase price of \$1,532 including transaction costs of \$543. Intangible assets of \$935 were recorded by the joint venture based on the preliminary purchase price allocation.

On January 4, 2007, the Company acquired the remaining 15% of the equity (319,199 common shares) of Charles River Laboratories Japan, Inc. ("Charles River Japan") from Ajinomoto Company, Inc., the minority interest partner. As of the effective date of this transaction, the Company owns 100% of Charles River Japan. The purchase price for the equity was 1.3 billion yen, or approximately \$10,899, which was paid in cash. The preliminary purchase price allocation is as follows:

Minority interest acquired	\$ 5,624
Property, plant and equipment	3,394
Deferred tax liability	(4,187)
Intangible asset (customer relationships with 15 year estimated amortization life)	6,068
	\$ 10,899

On October 30, 2006, the Company acquired all of the capital stock of privately held Tacoma, Washington based Northwest Kinetics for \$29,357 in cash. Northwest Kinetics runs clinical trials, primarily in Phase I, in a 150 bed facility with a focus on high-end clinical pharmacology studies.

The purchase price allocation associated with the Northwest Kinetics acquisition, including transaction costs of \$265 incurred by the Company and net of \$812 of cash acquired, is as follows:

Current assets (excluding cash)	\$ 6,741
Property, plant and equipment	2,983
Non-current assets	100
Current liabilities	(6,378)
Non-current liabilities	(7,493)
Goodwill and other intangibles acquired	32,857
Total purchase price allocation	\$ 28,810

In conjunction with the purchase of Northwest Kinetics, the Company utilized \$2,076 of available cash to prepay Northwest Kinetics' existing debt.

The breakout of goodwill and other intangibles acquired with the Northwest Kinetics acquisition was as follows:

		Weighted average amortization life (years)
Customer relationships	\$ 13,700	12
Participant list	1,300	12
Non-compete covenants	200	5
Trademarks and trade names	40	1
Goodwill	17,617	
Total goodwill and other intangibles	\$ 32,857	

The following selected unaudited pro forma consolidated results of operations are presented as if the above acquisitions had occurred as of the beginning of the period immediately preceding the period of acquisition after giving effect to certain adjustments including the amortization of intangibles. The pro forma data is for informational purposes only and does not necessarily reflect the results of operations had the companies operated as one during the periods reported. No effect has been given for synergies, if any, that may have been realized through the acquisitions.

	Three Months Ended					Nine Months Ended			
		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006	
		(as reported)		(proforma)		(as reported)		(proforma)	
Net sales	\$	313,964	\$	269,461	\$	912,598	\$	798,160	
Operating income		63,631		51,881		175,057		142,075	
Income from continuing operations		43,536		32,116		118,604		92,451	
Earnings per common share for continuing operations									
Basic	\$	0.65	\$	0.48	\$	1.78	\$	1.32	
Diluted	\$	0.63	\$	0.47	\$	1.74	\$	1.31	

Refer to Note 9 for further discussion of the method of computation of earnings per share.

## 5. Supplemental Balance Sheet Information

The composition of trade receivables is as follows:

	September 29, 2007	December 30, 2006
Customer receivables	\$ 178,827	7 \$ 156,411
Unbilled revenue	57,448	49,356
		·
Total	236,275	5 205,767
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(4,234	4) (3,109)
Net trade receivables	\$ 232,041	\$ 202,658

The composition of inventories is as follows:

	Sej	otember 29, 2007	 December 30, 2006
Raw materials and supplies	\$	12,531	\$ 11,715
Work in process		8,836	6,107
Finished products		58,867	54,540
Inventories	\$	80,234	\$ 72,362

The composition of other current assets is as follows:

	September 29, 2007	December 30, 2006
Prepaid assets	\$ 26,24	5 \$ 19,686
Deferred tax asset	16,71	
Prepaid income tax	8,604	4 7,051
Marketable securities	6,48	1 7,450
Restricted cash and other	11	l —
Other current assets	\$ 58,15	9 \$ 44,363

The composition of net property, plant and equipment is as follows:

	Sep	tember 29, 2007	 December 30, 2006
Land	\$	25,008	\$ 16,173
Buildings		474,094	339,786
Machinery and equipment		323,614	280,126
Leasehold improvements		17,107	16,248
Furniture and fixtures		7,769	6,790
Vehicles		5,101	4,843
Construction in progress		201,604	186,105
Total		1,054,297	850,071
Less accumulated depreciation		(366,147)	(315,326)
Net property, plant and equipment	\$	688,150	\$ 534,745

Depreciation expense for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 was \$38,690 and \$32,877, respectively.

The composition of other assets is as follows:

	September 29, 2007				
Deferred financing costs	\$ 9,209	\$	11,120		
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	22,026		14,360		
Long-term marketable securities	81,543		103,922		
Other assets	 6,172		4,542		
Other assets	\$ 118,950	\$	133,944		
		_			

## The composition of other current liabilities is as follows:

		2006
\$ 28,178	\$	23,048
2,067		2,149
2,469		428
\$ 32,714	\$	25,625
	2,067 2,469	2,067 2,469

The composition of other long-term liabilities is as follows:

	Ser	2007 29,	 December 30, 2006
Deferred tax liability	\$	53,507	\$ 56,372
Long-term pension liability		45,387	49,553
Accrued Executive Supplemental Life Insurance Retirement Plan		30,769	29,262
Other long-term liabilities		16,485	11,508
Other long-term liabilities	\$	146,148	\$ 146,695

## 6. Marketable Securities

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and fair value for marketable securities by major security type were as follows:

	September 29, 2007								
	Amortized Cost		Gross Unrealized Gains		Gross Unrealized Losses		I	Fair Value	
Auction rate securities	\$	73,605	\$		\$		\$	73,605	
Mutual funds		2,105		363		_		2,468	
Government securities and obligations		7,466		17		(78)		7,405	
Corporate debt securities		4,563		6		(23)		4,546	
	\$	87,739	\$	386	\$	(101)	\$	88,024	
	_			December	30, 2006				
	Amo	rtized Cost		nrealized iins		Unrealized osses	F	air Value	
Auction rate securities	\$	96,976	\$	—	\$		\$	96,976	
Mutual funds		5,069		101		(47)		5,123	
Government securities and obligations		5,958		54		(108)		5,904	
Government securities and obligations		0,,,00							
Corporate debt securities		3,392		2		(25)		3,369	

Maturities of corporate debt securities and government securities and obligations were as follows:

	September 29, 2007					December 3	0, 2006		
	Amo	rtized Cost	F	air Value	Am	ortized Cost	F	air Value	
Due less than one year	\$	6,124	\$	6,481	\$	7,416	\$	7,450	
Due after one year through five years		81,615		81,543		103,979		103,922	
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	\$	87,739	\$	88,024	\$	111,395	\$	111,372	

Marketable securities due after one year are included in other assets on the consolidated balance sheets.

#### 7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The following table displays goodwill and other intangible assets not subject to amortization and other intangible assets that continue to be subject to amortization:

		Septemb	2007		Decemb	per 30, 2006				
	Gre	Gross Carrying Amount				Accumulated Amortization		Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization
Goodwill	\$	1,133,146	\$	(12,854)	\$	1,132,074	\$	(12,765)		
Other intangible assets not subject to amortization:										
Research models		3,438		—		3,438		—		
Other intangible assets subject to amortization:										
Backlog		61,680		(61,680)		54,734		(54,718)		
Customer relationships		223,916		(76,276)		197,302		(47,407)		
Customer contracts		1,655		(1,655)		1,655		(1,655)		
Trademarks and trade names		3,278		(2,259)		3,278		(2,012)		
Standard operating procedures		1,356		(1,309)		1,357		(1,263)		
Other identifiable intangible assets		10,489		(6,237)		10,599		(5,104)		
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Total other intangible assets	\$	305,812	\$	(149,415)	\$	272,363	\$	(112,159)		

The changes in the gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of goodwill are as follows:

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	-	Balance at December 30, 2006		Acquisitions		Other		Balance at September 29, 2007
Research Models and Services								
Gross carrying amount	\$	21,372	\$	—	\$	442	\$	21,814
Accumulated amortization		(4,775)		—		(88)		(4,863)
Preclinical Services								
Gross carrying amount		1,110,702				630		1,111,332
Accumulated amortization		(7,990)		—		(1)		(7,991)
Total								
Gross carrying amount	\$	1,132,074	\$	—	\$	1,072	\$	1,133,146
Accumulated amortization		(12,765)		—		(89)		(12,854)

## 8. Long-Term Debt

On July 31, 2006, the Company amended and restated its \$660,000 credit agreement to reduce the current interest rate, modify certain restrictive covenants and extend the term. The amount of debt outstanding under the original \$660,000 credit agreement remained the same at the time of amendment. The now \$428,000 credit agreement provided for a \$156,000 U.S. term loan facility, a

\$200,000 U.S. revolving facility, a C\$57,800 term loan facility and a C\$12,000 revolving facility for a Canadian subsidiary, and a GBP 6,000 revolving facility for a U.K. subsidiary. The \$156,000 term loan facility matures in 20 quarterly installments with the last installment due June 30, 2011. The \$200,000 U.S. revolving facility matures on July 31, 2011 and requires no scheduled payment before that date. Under specified circumstances, the \$200,000 U.S. revolving facility may be increased by \$100,000. The Canadian term loan was repayable in full by June 30, 2011 and required no scheduled prepayment before that date; however, as of September 29, 2007 the outstanding balance on the Canadian term loan was repaid. The Canadian and U.K. revolving facilities mature on July 31, 2011 and require no scheduled prepayment before that date. The interest rate applicable to the Canadian term loan and the Canadian and U.K. revolving loans under the credit agreement is the adjusted LIBOR rate in its relevant currency plus an interest rate margin based upon the Company's leverage ratio. The interest rates applicable to term loans and revolving loans under the credit agreement are, at the Company's option, equal to either the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus 0.50%) or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based upon the Company's leverage ratio. Based on the Company's leverage ratio, the margin range for LIBOR based loans is 0.625% to 0.875%. The interest rate margin was 0.75% as of September 29, 2007 and is secured by the stock of certain subsidiaries as well as certain U.S. assets. The \$428,000 credit agreement includes certain customary representations and warranties, events of default and negative and affirmative covenants including the ratio of consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") to consolidated interest expense, for any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters, of no less than 3.5 to 1.0. The Company had \$5,

During the first nine months of 2007, the Company did not borrow under its revolving credit facilities. As of September 29, 2007, there were no outstanding balances on the revolving facilities.

On July 27, 2005 the Company entered into a \$50,000 credit agreement ("\$50,000 credit agreement"), which was subsequently amended on December 20, 2005 and again on July 31, 2006 to reflect substantially the same modifications made to the covenants in the \$660,000 and \$428,000 credit agreements, respectively. On June 15, 2007, the Company executed a third amendment to the \$50,000 credit agreement to extend the maturity date and reduce the interest rate. The \$50,000 credit agreement provides for a \$50,000 term loan facility which matures on June 22, 2010. Prior to the amendment, the interest rate applicable to term loans under the credit agreement was, at the Company's option, equal to either the base rate (which was the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus 0.50%) or the LIBOR rate plus 0.75%. From June 15, 2007 through June 21, 2008, the interest rates applicable to term loans under the credit agreement are, at the Company's option, equal to either the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus 0.50%) or the LIBOR rate plus 0.50%. Commencing June 22, 2010, the applicable interest rates are equal to either the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus 0.50%) or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based on the Company's leverage ratio. The \$50,000 credit agreement includes certain customary representations and warranties, negative and affirmative covenants and events of default. As of September 29, 2007, the entire balance of the \$50,000 credit agreement was outstanding and classified as long-term debt.

On June 12, 2006, the Company issued \$300,000 aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes ("the 2013 Notes") in a private placement with net proceeds to the Company of approximately

\$294,000. On June 20, 2006, the initial purchasers associated with this convertible debt offering exercised an option to purchase an additional \$50,000 of the 2013 Notes for additional net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$49,000. The 2013 Notes bear interest at 2.25% per annum, payable semi-annually, and mature on June 15, 2013. The 2013 Notes are convertible into cash and shares of the Company's common stock (or, at the Company's election, cash in lieu of some or all of such common stock), if any, based on an initial conversion rate, subject to adjustment, of 20.4337 shares of the Company's common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (which represents an initial conversion price of \$48.94 per share), only in the following circumstances and to the following extent: (i) during any fiscal quarter beginning after July 1, 2006 (and only during such fiscal quarter), if the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock for at least 20 trading days in the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter is more than 130% of the conversion price on the last day of such preceding fiscal quarter; (ii) during the five business-day period after any five consecutive trading-day period, or the measurement period, in which the trading price per note for each day of that measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock and the conversion rate on each such day; (iii) upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions, as described in the indenture for the 2013 Notes; and (iv) at the option of the holder at any time beginning on the date that is two months prior to the stated maturity date and ending on the close of business on the second trading-day immediately preceding the maturity date. Upon conversion, the Company will pay cash and shares of its common stock (or, at its election, cash in lieu of some or all of such common stock), if any. As of September 29, 2007, no conversion triggers were met. If the Company undergoes a fundamental change as described in the indenture for the 2013 Notes, holders will have the option to require the Company to purchase all or any portion of their notes for cash at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest, including any additional interest to, but excluding, the purchase date. The related debt issuance costs of \$7,000 were deferred and are being amortized on a straight-line basis over a seven-year term.

Concurrently with the sale of the 2013 Notes, the Company entered into convertible note hedge transactions with respect to its obligation to deliver common stock under the notes. The convertible note hedges give the Company the right to receive, for no additional consideration, the number of shares of common stock that it is obligated to deliver upon conversion of the notes (subject to anti-dilution adjustments substantially identical to those in the 2013 Notes), and expire on June 15, 2013. The aggregate cost of these convertible note hedges was \$98,293.

Separately and concurrently with the pricing of the 2013 Notes, the Company issued warrants for approximately 7.2 million shares of its common stock. The warrants give the holders the right to receive, for no additional consideration, cash or shares (at the option of the Company) with a value equal to the appreciation in the price of the Company's shares above \$59.925, and expire between September 13, 2013 and January 22, 2014 over 90 equal increments. The total proceeds from the issuance of the warrants were \$65,423.

In accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force Issue ("EITF") No. 00-19, "Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock" ("EITF No. 00-19"), SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" and SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity," the Company recorded both the purchase of the convertible note hedges and

the sale of the warrants as adjustments to additional paid in capital, and will not recognize subsequent changes in fair value of the agreement. At September 29, 2007, the fair value of the outstanding 2013 Notes was approximately \$449,750, based on their quoted market value.

#### 9. Shareholders' Equity

#### Earnings (Loss) per Share

Basic earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 were computed by dividing earnings available to common shareholders for these periods by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding in the respective periods. Diluted earnings per share were computed upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding in the three months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 and the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 and the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 and dilutive common stock equivalents outstanding. Potential common shares outstanding principally include stock options under our stock option plans, warrants and the assumed conversion of our 2013 Notes.

Options to purchase 994,892 and 3,120,852 shares were outstanding in each of the three respective months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, but were not included in computing diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. Options to purchase 1,523,954 and 3,055,861 shares were outstanding in each of the respective nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, but were not included in computing diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

Basic weighted average shares outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 excluded the weighted average impact of 806,251 and 660,138 shares, respectively, of non-vested fixed restricted stock awards.

The following table illustrates the reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share computations for income from continuing operations and loss from operations of discontinued businesses:

	Three Mor	Ended		Nine Mon	hs Ended		
	 September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006
Numerator:							
Income from continuing operations for purposes of							
calculating earnings per share	\$ 43,536	\$	32,133	\$	118,604	\$	93,429
	 	_		_		_	
Loss from discontinued businesses	\$ (759)	\$	(48,739)	\$	(1,108)	\$	(184,401)
<b>Denominator:</b> Weighted average shares outstanding—							
Basic	67,192,236		67,171,270		66,813,724		69,841,647
Effect of dilutive securities:							
2.25% senior convertible debentures	526,591		—		85,190		_
Stock options and contingently issued restricted							
stock	1,226,004		752,838		1,126,481		851,755
Warrants	132,916		129,764		133,448		136,290
	 	_				_	
Weighted average shares outstanding—							
Diluted	69,077,747		68,053,872		68,158,843		70,829,692

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The sum of the earnings per share from continuing operations and the loss per share from discontinued operations does not necessarily equal the earnings (loss) per share from net income in the condensed consolidation statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 due to rounding.

#### **Treasury Shares**

On July 27, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program to acquire up to \$50,000 of common stock. On October 26, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized increasing the share repurchase program by \$50,000 to a total of \$100,000. On May 9, 2006, the Board of Directors authorized an additional increase of the Company's share repurchase program by \$200,000 to acquire up to a total of \$300,000 of common stock. On August 1, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized an additional increase of the Company's share repurchase program by \$100,000. The program does not have a fixed expiration date. In order to facilitate these share repurchases, the Company entered into Rule 10b5-1 Purchase Plans.

As of September 29, 2007, approximately \$108,438 remained authorized for share repurchases.

Share repurchases during the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 were as follows:

	 Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006	
Number of shares of common stock repurchased	381,800		1,787,706		525,000		5,955,906	
Total cost of repurchase	\$ 20,126	\$	75,000	\$	26,874	\$	243,886	

Additionally, the Company's 2000 Incentive Plan and 2007 Incentive Plan permits the netting of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock awards in order to satisfy individual tax withholding requirements. During the three months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, the Company acquired 22,981 shares for \$1,214 and 4,787 shares for \$178, respectively. During the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, the Company acquired 70,312 shares for \$3,440 and 56,807 shares for \$2,717, respectively, as a result of such withholdings.

The timing and amount of any future repurchases will depend on market conditions and corporate considerations.

#### Warrants

Separately and concurrently with the pricing of the 2013 Notes, the Company issued warrants for approximately 7.2 million shares of its common stock. The warrants give the holders the right to receive, for no additional consideration, cash or shares (at the option of the Company) with a value equal to the appreciation in the price of the Company's shares above \$59.925, and expire between September 13, 2013 and January 22, 2014 over 90 equal increments. The total proceeds from the issuance of the warrants were \$65,423.

As part of the recapitalization of the Company in 1999, the Company issued 150,000 units, each comprised of a \$1 senior subordinated note and a warrant to purchase 7.6 shares of common stock of the Company for total proceeds of \$150,000. The Company allocated the \$150,000 offering proceeds between the senior subordinated notes (\$147,872) and the warrants (\$2,128), based upon the estimated fair value. The portion of the proceeds allocated to the warrants is reflected as capital in excess of par in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Each warrant entitles the holder, subject to

certain conditions, to purchase 7.6 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$5.19 per share of common stock, subject to adjustment under some circumstances. Upon exercise, the holders of warrants would be entitled to purchase 147,250 shares of common stock of the Company as of September 29, 2007. The warrants expire on October 1, 2009.

#### 10. Income Taxes

The following table provides a reconciliation of the provision for income taxes on the condensed consolidated statement of income:

	 Three Mon	ths H	Ended		Nine Months Ended					
	September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006			
	 	_		_		_				
Income before income taxes and minority										
interest	\$ 60,442	\$	48,062	\$	166,294	\$	132,095			
Effective tax rate	27.8%	)	32.2%	, D	28.4%	)	28.1%			
		_		_		_				
Provision for income tax	\$ 16,808	\$	15,489	\$	47,219	\$	37,170			

The Company's overall effective tax rate was 27.8% in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease from the 32.2% effective tax rate in the third quarter of 2006 is primarily due to the recording of a discrete benefit in the quarter related to UK and German tax law changes of \$1,863 and in the third quarter of 2006 the recording of the following items: an income tax expense of \$2,966 related to the issuance on September 25, 2006 of interpretive tax guidance by the German tax authorities; a \$1,673 tax expense related to the recording of several out of period adjustments in the quarter; and a reduction of \$1,624 in tax expense related to the completion of a statutory tax audit.

The Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" ("FIN 48"), an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("SFAS 109") on December 31, 2006. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company recognized no adjustment in the liability for unrecognized income tax benefits. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of the date of adoption was \$17,514. At September 29, 2007 the amount recorded for unrecognized tax benefits was \$23,044. The increase from the date of adoption was primarily due to the continuing evaluation of uncertain tax positions. The amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would favorably impact the effective tax rate was \$8,260 at the date of adoption and \$13,067 as of September 29, 2007.

The Company continues to recognize interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. The total amount of accrued interest relating to unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2006 and September 29, 2007 was \$617 and \$1,502, respectively. The Company has not recorded a provision for penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits.

The Company conducts business globally and, as a result, the Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. and foreign jurisdictions. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to examination by taxing authorities throughout the world, including but not limited to such major jurisdictions as Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. With few exceptions the Company is no longer subject to U.S. and international income tax examinations for years before 2002.

The Company and certain of its subsidiaries are currently under audit in multiple jurisdictions including examinations by Canada Revenue Agency and the Internal Revenue Service in the United



States. In regards to the Internal Revenue Service examinations of the 2004 tax returns of the Company and an acquired subsidiary, the Company filed its formal protests of certain proposed income tax adjustments with the Appeals Division on July 2, 2007. The Company does not believe that the ultimate settlement of these proposed adjustments will have a material impact to the financial statements. It is likely that the examination phase of the Canadian audit may conclude in 2007. The Company believes it has appropriately provided for all unrecognized tax benefits.

Due to the extensive protocol involved in finalizing audits with the relevant tax authorities including potential formal legal proceedings, it is not possible to estimate the impact of any amount of change to previously recorded uncertain tax positions.

#### 11. Employee Benefits

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost for the Company's defined benefit plans:

#### **Pension Benefits**

		Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended				
	Se	ptember 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		
Service cost	\$	1,557	\$	1,228	\$	4,636	\$	3,995		
Interest cost		2,877		2,087		8,571		6,583		
Expected return on plan assets		(3,125)		(1,690)		(9,308)		(5,818)		
Amortization of prior service cost		(136)		(215)		(403)		(551)		
Amortization of net loss		108		48		323		279		
			_		_					
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	1,281	\$	1,458	\$	3,819	\$	4,488		
Company contributions	\$	4,150	\$	4,052	\$	9,000	\$	8,151		

#### Supplemental Retirement Benefits

	Three Mo	led	Nine Months Ended				
	ember 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006
Service cost	\$ 220	\$	290	\$	659	\$	870
Interest cost	396		326		1,187		977
Amortization of prior service cost	125		38		374		114
Amortization of net loss	143		230		428		690
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 884	\$	884	\$	2,648	\$	2,651

The Company expects to contribute \$11,394 to these plans during 2007.

#### 12. Stock-Based Compensation Plans

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted, on a modified prospective basis, the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment (Revised 2004)," ("SFAS No. 123(R)") and related guidance



which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to employees and directors including employee stock options and restricted stock awards based on estimated fair values. Accordingly, stock-based compensation cost is measured at grant date, based on the fair value of the award and is recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

The estimated fair value of the Company's stock-based awards, less expected forfeitures, is amortized over the awards' vesting period on a straight-line basis. The effect of recording stock-based compensation for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 was as follows:

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	:	September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006
Stock-based compensation expense by type of award:								
Stock options	\$	2,984	\$	2,527	\$	8,358	\$	9,812
Restricted stock		4,299		2,538		11,456		6,041
Share-based compensation expense before tax		7,283		5,065		19,814		15,853
Income tax benefit		(2,389)		(1,902)		(6,355)		(5,929)
Reduction to income from continuing operations		4,894		3,163		13,459		9,924
Share-based compensation expense of discontinued				,				
businesses, net of tax		_		192		—		615
Reduction to net income	\$	4,894	\$	3,355	\$	13,459	\$	10,539
Reduction to earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	0.07	\$	0.05	\$	0.20	\$	0.15
Diluted	\$	0.07	\$	0.05	\$	0.20	\$	0.15
Effect on income by line item:								
Cost of sales	\$	2,217	\$	1,540	\$	6,183	\$	5,248
Selling and administration		5,066		3,525		13,631		10,605
Share based compensation expense before tax		7,283		5,065	_	19,814		15,853
Income tax benefit		(2,389)		(1,902)		(6,355)		(5,929)
Operations of discontinued businesses, net of tax		_		192		_		615
Reduction to net income	\$	4,894	\$	3,355	\$	13,459	\$	10,539

The Company estimates the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes valuation model. Key inputs and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of stock options include the exercise price of the award, the expected option term, the risk-free interest rate over the option's expected term, the expected annual dividend yield and the expected stock price volatility. The expected stock price volatility assumption was determined using the historical volatility of the Company's common stock over the expected life of the option. The risk-free interest rate was based on the market yield for the

five-year U.S. Treasury security. The expected life of options was determined using historical option exercise activity. Management believes that the valuation technique and the approach utilized to develop the underlying assumptions are appropriate in calculating the fair values of the Company's stock options granted. Estimates of fair value are not intended to predict actual future events or the value ultimately realized by persons who receive equity awards.

The fair values of stock-based awards granted were estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

	<b>Options Granted In:</b>				
	2007		2006		
Expected life (in years)	 5.00		4.90		
Expected volatility	30%	D	30%		
Risk-free interest rate	4.59%	, D	4.83%		
Expected dividend yield	0.0%	D	0.0%		
Weighted average grant date fair value	\$ 16.46	\$	13.89		

#### Stock Options

The following table summarizes the stock option activity in the equity incentive plans from December 30, 2006 through September 29, 2007:

	Shares	_	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Options outstanding as of December 30, 2006	5,392,613	\$	36.50		
Options granted	924,290	\$	46.83		
Options exercised	(1,333,069)	\$	32.22		
Options cancelled	(96,830)	\$	41.73		
Options outstanding as of September 29, 2007	4,887,004	\$	39.51	5.87 years	\$ 81,305
Options exercisable as of September 29, 2007	3,101,121	\$	36.71	5.51 years	\$ 60,284

As of September 29, 2007, the unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options was \$21,150 net of estimated forfeitures. This unrecognized compensation will be recognized over an estimated weighted average amortization period of 34 months.

The total fair value of the options vested during the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$2,496 and \$10,439, respectively. The total fair value of the options vested during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$7,045 and \$17,487, respectively.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$7,471 and \$25,211, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$1,218 and \$10,016, respectively. Intrinsic value is defined as the difference between the market price on the date of exercise and the grant date price.

The total amount of cash received from the exercise of options during the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 was \$42,952 and \$19,810, respectively. The actual tax benefit realized for the tax deductions from option exercises totaled \$6,865 and \$3,172 for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively.

The Company settles employee stock option exercises with newly issued common shares.

#### **Restricted Stock**

Stock compensation expense associated with restricted common stock is charged for the market value on the date of grant, less estimated forfeitures, and is amortized over the awards' vesting period on a straight-line basis.

The following table summarizes the restricted stock activity from December 30, 2006 through September 29, 2007:

	Restricted Stock	 Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding December 30, 2006	653,780	\$ 42.91
Granted	327,420	\$ 46.81
Vested	(236,060)	\$ 44.49
Cancelled	(25,239)	\$ 43.06
Outstanding September 29, 2007	719,901	\$ 44.16

As of September 29, 2007, the unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock was \$22,888 net of estimated forfeitures. This unrecognized compensation will be recognized over an estimated weighted average amortization period of 35 months.

The total fair value of restricted stock grants that vested during the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$3,022 and \$10,503, respectively. The total fair value of restricted stock grants that vested during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$861 and \$9,190, respectively.

#### Performance-Based Stock Award Program

During the first quarter of 2007, the Company adopted a new performance-based stock award program for its executives. Compensation expense associated with awards made under this new program of \$779 and \$1,874 has been recorded during the three and nine months ended September 29, 2007, respectively. Payout of this award is contingent upon achievement of individualized stretch goals during 2007 as determined by the Company's Board of Directors.

#### 13. Commitments and Contingencies

Various lawsuits, claims and proceedings of a nature considered normal to its business are pending against the Company. In the opinion of management, the outcome of such proceedings and litigation currently pending will not materially affect the Company's consolidated financial statements. In addition

the Company has certain purchase commitments related to the completion of ongoing capacity expansion which amounted to approximately \$95,000 as of September 29, 2007.

## 14. Business Segment Information

The following table presents sales to unaffiliated customers and other financial information by product line segment.

		Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	Se	September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006	
Research Models and Services									
Net sales	\$	145,207	\$	127,560	\$	432,078	\$	387,348	
Gross margin		63,408		52,423		190,171		163,767	
Operating income		45,574		36,691		137,863		115,170	
Depreciation and amortization		5,780		5,185		17,012		15,457	
Capital expenditures		12,643		3,932		30,415		12,281	
Preclinical Services									
Net sales	\$	168,757	\$	137,100	\$	480,520	\$	399,312	
Gross margin		60,491		49,839		170,257		141,110	
Operating income		29,993		22,971		80,863		59,289	
Depreciation and amortization		16,180		15,389		46,093		45,302	
Capital expenditures		37,692		39,038		107,256		87,479	

A reconciliation of segment operating income to consolidated operating income is as follows:

		Three Mor	nths E	Inded	Nine Months Ended				
	Se	ptember 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006	
Total segment operating income	\$	75,567	\$	59,662	\$	218,726	\$	174,459	
Unallocated corporate overhead		(11,936)		(8,041)		(43,669)		(31,440)	
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Consolidated operating income	\$	63,631	\$	51,621	\$	175,057	\$	143,019	

A summary of unallocated corporate overhead consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006		September 29, 2007		September 30, 2006	
Restricted stock and performance-based								
compensation expense	\$ 3,778	\$	1,485	\$	9,714	\$	4,669	
U.S. pension expense	1,826		2,233		5,478		6,236	
Audit, tax and related expenses	775		1,018		3,047		3,254	
Executive officers' salary	866		915		2,599		2,706	
Employees' salary	2,882		2,099		8,118		5,998	
Global IT	635		_		3,361		_	
Employee health and fringe cost	(1,084)		4		2,992		4,763	
Other general unallocated corporate expenses	2,258		287		8,360		3,814	
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	\$ 11,936	\$	8,041	\$	43,669	\$	31,440	

Other general unallocated corporate expenses consist of various costs including those associated with senior executive salaries, stock based compensation and departments such as corporate accounting, global information technology, legal, tax and treasury.

#### 15. Recently Issued Accounting Standards

The FASB has issued Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of SFAS No. 109" ("FIN 48"), which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. Prior to the effective date of FIN 48, the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes was subject to significant and varied interpretations that have resulted in diverse and inconsistent accounting practices and measurements. Addressing such diversity, FIN 48 prescribes a consistent recognition threshold and measurement attribute, as well as clear criteria for subsequently recognizing, derecognizing and measuring changes in such tax positions for financial statement purposes. FIN 48 also requires expanded disclosure with respect to the uncertainty in income taxes. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 effective December 31, 2006 which did not have a significant impact on its consolidated financial results. Refer to Note 10.

The Company adopted the recognition and disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans—an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)" ("SFAS 158") as of December 30, 2006. This Standard includes two phases of implementation. The second phase of SFAS 158 requires that the valuation date of plan accounts be as of the end of the fiscal year, with that change required to be implemented by fiscal years ending after December 15, 2008. The Company will change the valuation date relating to its foreign plans which will not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 establishes a single authoritative definition of fair value, sets out framework for measuring

fair value and expands on required disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and will be applied prospectively. The provisions of SFAS 157 are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities—Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115" ("SFAS 159"). This Standard allows companies to elect to follow fair value accounting for certain financial assets and liabilities in an effort to mitigate volatility in earnings without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. SFAS 159 is applicable only to certain financial instruments and is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The provisions of SFAS 159 are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes.

#### Overview

#### **Continuing Operations**

We are a leading global provider of solutions that advance the drug discovery and development process, including research models and associated services and outsourced preclinical services, which include Phase I clinical services. We partner with global pharmaceutical companies, a wide range of biotechnology companies, as well as government agencies, leading hospitals and academic institutions throughout the world in order to bring drugs to market faster and more efficiently. Our broad portfolio of products and services enables our customers to reduce costs, increase speed to market and enhance their productivity and effectiveness in drug discovery and development. We have been in business for 60 years.

During the third quarter of 2007, sales growth was driven by the continued spending of major pharmaceuticals, biotechnology companies and academic institutions on our global products and services, which aid in their development of new drugs and products. We expect the future drivers for our business as a whole primarily to be our customers' continued growing demand for drug discovery and development services, including their increased strategic focus on outsourcing. We have positioned ourselves to take advantage of the long-term opportunities particularly within the Preclinical Services ("PCS") business, through our capacity expansion program. For instance, this year we opened our new preclinical site in Massachusetts and we plan to open our new preclinical site in Nevada in 2008 and plan to construct additional preclinical capacity in Canada, Scotland, Ohio and China. We have commenced construction of our new China facility, which we hope will enable us to be the partner of choice for our global pharmaceutical customers as they establish and expand research and development activities in the rapidly growing Chinese market. In addition, the opening of our California Research Models and Services ("RMS") expansion and the ground breaking of our facility in Maryland, which will support the National Cancer Institute ("NCI") contract, reflect our commitment to address demand for our RMS products and services. Our capital expenditures of \$138 million during the nine months ended September 29, 2007, and our planned capital expenditures in the range of \$200 million to \$225 million for 2007, reflect our ongoing commitment to service our clients' growing needs. In addition to internally generated organic growth, our business strategy includes strategic "bolt-on" acquisitions that complement our business and geographically expand our existing services.

Total net sales during the third quarter of 2007 were \$314.0 million, an increase of 18.6% over the same period last year. The sales increase was due primarily to increased customer demand and higher pricing, with strong sales in both PCS and RMS. The effect of foreign currency translation added 2.6% to sales growth. Our gross margin increased to 39.5% of net sales for the third quarter of 2007, compared to 38.6% of net sales for the third quarter of 2006, due mainly to favorable results in RMS and many of our PCS locations, partially offset by transition cost for our PCS Massachusetts facilities.

Our operating income for the third quarter of 2007 was \$63.6 million compared to \$51.6 million for the third quarter of 2006, an increase of 23.3%. The operating margin was 20.3% for the third quarter of 2007 compared to 19.5% for the prior year, primarily due to improved margins in the RMS businesses and lower amortization expense, partially offset by higher costs in the PCS segment due to Massachusetts transition costs. Net income from continuing operations was \$43.5 million for the third quarter of 2007 compared to \$32.1 million for the third quarter of 2007 compared to \$32.1 million for the third quarter of 2007 were \$0.63 compared to \$0.47 for the third quarter of 2006.

Total net sales during the nine months ended September 29, 2007 were \$912.6 million, an increase of 16.0% over the same period last year. The sales increase was due primarily to increased customer demand and higher pricing, with strong sales in both PCS and RMS. The effect of foreign currency translation added 2.5% to sales growth. Our gross margin increased to 39.5% of net sales for the nine months ended September 29, 2007, compared to 38.8% of net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, due primarily to improved capacity utilization in the PCS and RMS segments, partially offset by start-up and transition costs for our PCS Massachusetts facilities.

Our operating income for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$175.1 million compared to \$143.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, an increase of 22.4%. The operating margin was 19.2% for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 compared to 18.2% for the prior year, with improved margins in both the PCS and RMS businesses. Net income from continuing operations was \$118.6 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 compared to \$93.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 were \$1.74 compared to \$1.32 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

We report two business segments: RMS and PCS, which reflect the manner in which our operating units are managed. Our PCS segment includes our Phase I clinical services business, which we view as an integral strategic component of our service offerings because it enables us to support our customers' preclinical efforts through early-stage clinical trials.

Our RMS segment, which represented 46.3% of net sales in the third quarter of 2007, includes research models, transgenic services, laboratory services, discovery services, consulting and staffing services, vaccine support and in vitro technology (primarily endotoxin testing). Net sales for this segment increased 13.8% for the third quarter of 2007 compared to the third quarter of 2006, due to increased transgenic sales, increased small model sales in the United States and Europe and strong in vitro sales. Favorable foreign currency translation increased the net sales gain by 2.6%. We experienced increases in both the RMS gross margin and operating margin compared to last year (to 43.7% from 41.1% and to 31.4% from 28.8%, respectively), mainly due to the impact of higher sales.

Sales on a year to date basis for our RMS business segment increased 11.5% compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006, due to increased large model shipments, increased transgenic sales, strong in vitro sales and increased small model sales in the North America and Europe, partially offset by lower small model growth in Japan. Operating income on a year to date basis was \$137.9 million compared to \$115.2 million, an increase of \$22.7 million, or 19.7%, from the same period last year. Operating income for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 as a percent of net sales increased to 31.9% compared to 29.7% for the same period last year.

Our PCS segment, which represented 53.7% of net sales in the third quarter of 2007, includes services required to take a drug through the development process including discovery support, toxicology, pathology, biopharmaceutical, bioanalysis, pharmacokinetics and drug metabolism services, as well as Phase I clinical trials. Sales for this segment for the third quarter of 2007 increased 23.1% over the third quarter of 2006. Sales were driven by continuing strong demand for general and specialty toxicology studies by pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers and the addition of the Northwest Kinetics Phase I clinical services business. Favorable foreign currency increased sales growth by 2.5%. We experienced a decrease in the PCS gross margin for the third quarter of 2007 to 35.8% from 36.4% in 2006 due mainly to transition costs related to our PCS Massachusetts facilities, partially offset by favorable results at many of our PCS locations. Operating income increased to 17.8% of net sales for the third quarter of 2007, compared to 16.8% for 2006 due to lower amortization expense and the sale of real estate in Scotland, partially offset by the lower gross margin. We continue to focus on meeting the growing demand for our preclinical services and increased outsourcing trends through our capital expansion program.

Sales on a year to date basis for our PCS segment increased 20.3% over the same period last year. Operating income for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 increased to 16.8% of net sales, compared to 14.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 due to lower amortization expense and increased gross margin.

#### **Discontinued Operations**

Our former Phase II-IV Clinical Services and our Interventional and Surgical Services ("ISS") businesses are reported as discontinued operations. Our historical information has been reclassified to reflect discontinued operations.

The net loss from discontinued operations for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$0.8 million, which relates mainly to income tax expense.

During fiscal 2006, we initiated actions to sell and sold Phase II-IV of our clinical business. Accordingly, management performed appropriate goodwill impairment and asset impairment tests for the clinical business segment. As a result, we recorded charges of \$133.1 million to write down the value of the goodwill and impaired assets associated with the clinical business during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Additionally, we made a decision to close our ISS business, which was formerly included in the PCS segment, and recorded an impairment charge of \$1.1 million associated with this business. In the third quarter of 2006 as a direct result of the sale of Phase II-IV of our clinical business, we realized a significant tax gain resulting in tax expense of \$45.3 million.

#### Three Months Ended September 29, 2007 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2006

*Net Sales.* Net sales for the three months ended September 29, 2007 were \$314.0 million, an increase of \$49.3 million, or 18.6%, from \$264.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

*Research Models and Services.* For the three months ended September 29, 2007, net sales for our RMS segment increased to \$145.2 million from \$127.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006, an increase of 13.8%. Favorable foreign currency translation increased sales growth by approximately 2.6%. RMS sales increased due to pricing and unit volume increases in both models and services, driven by increases in basic research and development spending.

*Preclinical Services.* For the three months ended September 29, 2007, net sales for our PCS segment were \$168.8 million, an increase of \$31.7 million, or 23.1%, compared to \$137.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The increase was primarily due to the increased customer demand for toxicology and other specialty preclinical services, reflecting increased customer outsourcing and the addition of the Northwest Kinetics Phase I clinical services business. Favorable foreign currency increased sales growth by 2.5%.

*Cost of Products Sold and Services Provided.* Cost of products sold and services provided for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$190.1 million, an increase of \$27.7 million, or 17.0%, from \$162.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Cost of products sold and services provided for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was 60.5% of net sales, compared to 61.4% for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

*Research Models and Services.* Cost of products sold and services provided for RMS for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$81.8 million, an increase of \$6.7 million, or 8.9%, compared to \$75.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Cost of products sold and services provided decreased as a percent of net sales to 56.3% for the three months ended September 29, 2007, compared to 58.9% of net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Increased sales during the quarter resulted in greater facility utilization and greater economics of scale.

*Preclinical Services.* Cost of products sold and services provided for the PCS segment for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$108.3 million, an increase of \$21.0 million, or 24.1%, compared to \$87.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Cost of services provided as a percentage of net sales was 64.2% for the three months ended September 29, 2007, compared to 63.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in cost of products sold and services provided as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to transition costs for our PCS Massachusetts facilities, partially offset by favorable results at many of our PCS toxicology locations.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 29, 2007 were \$51.8 million, an increase of \$10.6 million, or 25.8%, from \$41.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 29, 2007 were 16.5% of net sales compared to 15.6% of net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The increase as a percentage of sales was due primarily to increases in unallocated corporate overhead, partially offset by lower selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales in RMS.

*Research Models and Services.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for RMS for the three months ended September 29, 2007 were \$17.5 million, an increase of \$1.9 million, or 11.7%, compared to \$15.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased as a percentage of sales to 12.0% for the three months ended September 29, 2007 from 12.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2006 due mainly to greater economies of scale.

*Preclinical Services.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for the PCS segment for the three months ended September 29, 2007 were \$22.5 million, an increase of \$5.0 million, or 28.1%, compared to \$17.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 29, 2007 increased to 13.3% of net sales, compared to 12.8% of net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

*Unallocated Corporate Overhead.* Unallocated corporate overhead, which consists of various corporate expenses, including those associated with pension, executive salaries, stock-based compensation and departments such as corporate accounting, information technology, human resources, and tax, was \$11.9 million for the three months ended September 29, 2007, compared to \$8.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in unallocated corporate overhead during the third quarter of 2007 was due primarily to increased stock compensation, higher information technology costs and higher bonus accruals.

*Amortization of Other Intangibles.* Amortization of other intangibles for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$8.4 million, a decrease of \$1.0 million, from \$9.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

*Preclinical Services.* For the three months ended September 29, 2007, amortization of other intangibles for our PCS segment was \$8.1 million, compared to \$9.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The decrease was primarily due to reduced amortization related to the acquisition of Inveresk.

*Operating Income.* Operating income for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$63.6 million, an increase of \$12.0 million, or 23.3%, from \$51.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Operating income for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was 20.3% of net sales, compared to 19.5% of net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

*Research Models and Services.* For the three months ended September 29, 2007, operating income for our RMS segment was \$45.6 million, an increase of \$8.9 million, or 24.2%, from \$36.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Operating income as a percentage of net sales for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was 31.4%, compared to 28.8% for the three months ended

September 30, 2006. The increase in operating income as a percentage of sales was primarily due to increased utilization as a result of higher sales volume.

*Preclinical Services.* For the three months ended September 29, 2007, operating income for our PCS segment was \$30.0 million, an increase of \$7.0 million, or 30.6%, from \$23.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Operating income as a percentage of net sales increased to 17.8%, compared to 16.8% of net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in operating income as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to lower amortization costs and favorable results for most of our PCS locations, partially offset by the gross margin impact of the start-up and transition costs for our PCS Massachusetts facilities.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$4.6 million, compared to \$6.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The \$1.5 million decrease was due to our debt repayment.

Interest Income. Interest income during the third quarter of 2007 was \$2.3 million compared to \$2.5 million during the third quarter of 2006.

*Income Taxes.* Income tax expense for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$16.8 million, an increase of \$1.3 million compared to \$15.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The increase was primarily due to increased income before tax, which was partially offset by the impact of discrete events in the quarter.

*Income from Continuing Operations.* Net income from continuing operations in the third quarter of 2007 was \$43.5 million, compared to \$32.1 million in the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations in the third quarter of 2007 were \$0.63, compared to \$0.47 in the same period last year.

*Loss from Discontinued Operations.* For the three months ended September 29, 2007, loss from discontinued operations was \$0.8 million, primarily related to income taxes. This compared to a loss of \$48.7 million in the third quarter of 2006, when the Company recorded \$45.3 million of income tax expenses as a direct result of the sale of the Phase II-IV Clinical Services business.

*Net Income.* Net income for the three months ended September 29, 2007 was \$42.8 million, an increase of \$59.4 million from a loss of \$16.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

#### Nine Months Ended September 29, 2007 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

*Net Sales.* Net sales for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 were \$912.6 million, an increase of \$125.9 million, or 16.0%, from \$786.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

*Research Models and Services.* For the nine months ended September 29, 2007, net sales for our RMS segment were \$432.1 million, an increase of \$44.8 million, or 11.5%, from \$387.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, due primarily to strong demand for research models from large pharmaceutical customers in North America and Europe, increased demand for transgenic services and higher sales of in vitro products partially offset by lower small model growth in Japan. Sales of large models increased as shipments which had been delayed from the fourth quarter of 2006 due to an extended quarantine were released. RMS sales growth was also contributed to by increased pricing and unit volume as well as favorable currency translation, which accounted for 2.3% of the net sales growth.

*Preclinical Services.* For the nine months ended September 29, 2007, net sales for our PCS segment were \$480.5 million, an increase of \$81.2 million, or 20.3%, compared to \$399.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in PCS sales was primarily due to the increased

customer demand for toxicology and other specialty preclinical services, reflecting increased customer outsourcing and the addition of Northwest Kinetics Phase I clinical service business. Favorable foreign currency increased sales growth by 2.6%.

*Cost of Products Sold and Services Provided.* Cost of products sold and services provided for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$552.2 million, an increase of \$70.4 million, or 14.6%, from \$481.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Cost of products sold and services provided for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was 60.5% of net sales, compared to 61.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, due to greater capacity utilization which resulted from the increased sales.

*Research Models and Services.* Cost of products sold and services provided for RMS for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$241.9 million, an increase of \$18.3 million, or 8.2%, compared to \$223.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Cost of products sold and services provided as a percentage of net sales for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was 56.0% compared to 57.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The greater facility utilization was the result of the increased sales during the quarter.

*Preclinical Services.* Cost of products sold and services provided for the PCS segment for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$310.2 million, an increase of \$52.0 million, or 20.2%, compared to \$258.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Cost of products sold and services provided as a percentage of net sales was 64.6% for the nine months ended September 29, 2007, compared to 64.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 were \$161.0 million, an increase of \$27.0 million, or 20.1%, from \$134.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 were 17.6% of net sales compared to 17.0% of net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase as a percentage of sales was due primarily to increases in unallocated corporate overhead.

*Research Models and Services.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for RMS for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 were \$51.2 million, an increase of \$2.9 million, or 5.9%, compared to \$48.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased as a percentage of sales to 11.8% for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 from 12.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 due mainly to greater economies of scale.

*Preclinical Services.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for the PCS segment for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 were \$66.1 million, an increase of \$11.9 million, or 21.9%, compared to \$54.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 increased to 13.8% of net sales compared to 13.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

*Unallocated Corporate Overhead.* Unallocated corporate overhead, which consists of various corporate expenses including those associated with pension, executive salaries, stock-based compensation and departments such as corporate accounting, information technology, human resources and tax, was \$43.7 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2007, compared to \$31.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in unallocated corporate overhead during the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was due primarily to increased stock compensation, higher information technology costs and higher bonus accruals.

*Amortization of Other Intangibles.* Amortization of other intangibles for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$24.4 million, a decrease of \$3.5 million, from \$27.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

*Research Models and Services.* For the nine months ended September 29, 2007, amortization of other intangibles for our RMS segment was \$1.1 million, an increase of \$0.8 million from \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increased amortization was primarily due to the acquisition of the remaining 15% of the equity of Charles River Laboratories Japan, Inc., from the minority interest partner.

*Preclinical Services.* For the nine months ended September 29, 2007, amortization of other intangibles for our PCS segment was \$23.3 million, a decrease of \$4.3 million from \$27.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The decreased amortization was primarily due to reduced amortization related to the acquisition of Inversek.

**Operating Income.** Operating income for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$175.1 million, an increase of \$32.1 million, or 22.4%, from \$143.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Operating income for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was 19.2% of net sales, compared to 18.2% of net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

*Research Models and Services.* For the nine months ended September 29, 2007, operating income for our RMS segment was \$137.9 million, an increase of \$22.7 million, or 19.7%, from \$115.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Operating income as a percentage of net sales for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was 31.9%, compared to 29.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in operating income as a percentage of sales was primarily due to improved capacity utilization resulting from the higher sales volume.

*Preclinical Services.* For the nine months ended September 29, 2007 operating income for our PCS segment was \$80.9 million, an increase of \$21.6 million, or 36.4%, from \$59.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Operating income as a percentage of net sales increased to 16.8%, compared to 14.8% of net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in operating income as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to higher sales, which resulted in improved operating efficiency and lower amortization costs, partially offset by the start-up and transition costs for our PCS Massachusetts facilities.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$13.9 million, compared to \$14.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, due to our repayment of debt.

*Interest Income.* Interest income for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$6.9 million compared to \$4.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, due to increased funds available for investment.

*Income Taxes.* Income tax expense for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$47.2 million, an increase of \$10.0 million compared to \$37.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in tax expense was primarily due to increased income before tax partially offset by the impact of discrete events.

*Income from Continuing Operations.* Income from continuing operations on a year to date basis was \$118.6 million, compared to \$93.4 million for the same period last year.

Loss from Discontinued Operations. For the nine months ended September 29, 2007, loss from discontinued operations was \$1.1 million which primarily relates to income tax, compared to a net loss of \$184.4 million for 2006. The net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was due to impairment charges associated with the divestiture of the Phase II-IV Clinical Services business and the closure of the ISS business as well as income tax expense on the sale of the Phase II-IV Clinical Services business.

*Net Income (Loss).* Net income for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$117.5 million compared to a net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 of \$91.0 million.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following discussion analyzes liquidity and capital resources by operating, investing and financing activities as presented in our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Our principal sources of liquidity have been our cash flow from operations, the convertible debt offering and our revolving line of credit arrangements.

On June 12, 2006, we issued \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior subordinated notes ("the 2013 Notes") in a private placement with net proceeds to the Company of \$343.0 million. The 2013 Notes bear interest at 2.25% per annum, payable semi-annually, and mature on June 15, 2013. The 2013 Notes are convertible into cash and shares of common stock (or, at the Company's election, cash in lieu of some or all of such common stock) based on an initial conversion rate, subject to adjustment, of 20.4337 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (which represents an initial conversion price of \$48.94 per share).

Concurrently with the sale of the 2013 Notes, we entered into convertible note hedge transactions with respect to our obligation to deliver common stock under the 2013 Notes. The convertible note hedges give us the right to receive, for no additional consideration, the numbers of shares of common stock that we are obligated to deliver upon conversion of the 2013 Notes (subject to antidilution adjustments substantially identical to those in the 2013 Notes), and expire on June 15, 2013. The aggregate cost of these convertible note hedges was \$98.3 million.

Separately and concurrently with the pricing of the 2013 Notes, we issued warrants for approximately 7.2 million shares of our common stock. The warrants give the holders the right to receive, for no additional consideration, cash or shares (at our option) with a value equal to the appreciation in the price of our shares above \$59.925, and expire between September 13, 2013 and January 22, 2014 over 90 equal increments. The total proceeds from the issuance of the warrants were \$65.4 million.

From our economic perspective, the cumulative impact of the purchase of the convertible note hedges and the sale of the warrants increases the effective conversion price of the 2013 Notes from \$48.94 to \$59.25 per share.

On July 31, 2006, we amended and restated our \$660.0 million credit agreement to reduce the current interest rate, modify certain restrictive covenants and extend the term. The amount of debt outstanding under the original \$660.0 million credit agreement remained the same at the time of amendment. The now \$428.0 million credit agreement provides for a \$156.0 million U.S. term loan facility, a \$200.0 million U.S. revolving facility, a C\$57.8 million term loan facility and a C\$12.0 million revolving facility for a Canadian subsidiary, and a GBP 6.0 million revolving facility for a U.K. subsidiary. The \$156.0 million term loan facility matures in 20 quarterly installments with the last installment due June 30, 2011. The \$200.0 million U.S. revolving facility matures on July 31, 2011 and requires no scheduled payment before that date. Under specified circumstances, the \$200.0 million U.S. revolving facility may be increased by \$100.0 million. The Canadian term loan was repayable in full by June 30, 2011 and required no scheduled prepayment before that date; however, as of September 29, 2007, the outstanding balance of the Canadian term loan was repaid. The Canadian and U.K. revolving facilities mature on July 31, 2011 and require no scheduled prepayment before that date. The interest rate applicable to the Canadian term loan and the Canadian and U.K. revolving loans under the credit agreement is the adjusted LIBOR rate in its relevant currency plus an interest rate margin based upon our leverage ratio. The interest rate plus 0.50%) or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based upon our leverage ratio. the margin range for LIBOR based loans is 0.625% to 0.875%. The interest rate margin based upon our leverage ratio, the margin range for LIBOR based loans is 0.625% to 0.875%. The interest rate margin based upon our leverage ratio.

certain subsidiaries as well as certain U.S. assets as security for the \$428.0 million credit agreement. The \$428.0 million credit agreement includes certain customary representations and warranties, negative and affirmative covenants and events of default. We had \$5.5 million and \$5.4 million outstanding under letters of credit as of September 29, 2007 and December 30, 2006, respectively.

During the nine months ended September 29, 2007, we did not borrow under our revolving credit facilities. As of September 29, 2007, there were no outstanding balances on the revolving facilities.

On July 27, 2005, we entered into a \$50 million credit agreement ("\$50 million credit agreement"), which was subsequently amended on December 20, 2005 and again on July 31, 2006 to reflect substantially the same modifications made to the covenants in the \$660 million and \$428 million credit agreements, respectively. On June 15, 2007, we executed a third amendment to the \$50 million credit agreement to extend the maturity date and reduce the interest rate. The \$50 million credit agreement provides for a \$50 million term loan facility which matures on June 22, 2010. Prior to the amendment, the interest rate applicable to term loans under the credit agreement was, at our option, equal to either the base rate (which was the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus 0.50%) or the LIBOR rate plus 0.75%. From June 15, 2007 through June 21, 2008, the interest rates applicable to term loans under the credit agreement is, at our option, equal to either the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus 0.50%) minus 2.25% or the LIBOR rate plus 0.50%. Commencing June 22, 2008 through June 22, 2010, the applicable interest rates are equal to either the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus 0.50%) or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based on our leverage ratio. The \$50 million credit agreement includes certain customary representations and warranties, negative and affirmative covenants and events of default. As of September 29, 2007, the entire balance of the \$50 million credit agreement was outstanding and classified as long-term debt.

On July 27, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program to acquire up to \$50.0 million of common stock. On October 26, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized increasing the share repurchase program by \$50.0 million to a total of \$100.0 million. On May 9, 2006, the Board of Directors authorized an additional increase of the Company's share repurchase program by \$200.0 million to a cquire up to a total of \$300.0 million of common stock. On August 1, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized an additional increase of the Company's share repurchase program by \$100.0 million. The program does not have a fixed expiration date. In order to facilitate these share repurchases, the Company has entered into Rule 10b5-1 Purchase Plans.

As of September 29, 2007, approximately \$108.4 million remained authorized for share repurchases.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$183.5 million at September 29, 2007, compared to \$175.4 million at December 30, 2006.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 was \$171.5 million and \$102.7 million, respectively. The increase in cash provided by operations was primarily a result of increased earnings. Our days sales outstanding ("DSO") of 43 days as of September 29, 2007 increased from 39 days at December 30, 2006 and 37 days at September 30, 2006. Our DSO includes deferred revenue as an offset to accounts receivable in the calculation.

Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 was \$132.7 million and \$194.5 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 29, 2007, we used \$137.7 million for capital expenditures, compared to the nine month period in 2006, during which we paid \$99.8 million for capital expenditures. Year to date 2007, we made capital expenditures in RMS of \$30.4 million and in PCS of \$107.3 million, due mainly to the construction of our facilities in Nevada and Massachusetts. We anticipate that future capital

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expenditures will be funded by cash provided by operating activities. For fiscal 2007, we project capital expenditures to be approximately \$200 to \$225 million. We have certain purchase commitments related to the completion of our ongoing capacity expansion of approximately \$95 million as of September 29, 2007. For the nine months ended September 29, 2007, purchases of marketable securities were \$251.7 million, compared to \$130.1 million in 2006.

Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 was \$41.1 million compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$32.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we had proceeds from long-term debt of \$440.3 million due mainly to the sale of the 2013 Notes. Proceeds from exercises of employee stock options amounted to \$43.0 million and \$19.8 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively. We repaid \$56.7 million and \$140.4 million of debt for the nine months ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

The FASB has issued Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of SFAS No. 109" ("FIN 48"), which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. Prior to the effective date of FIN 48, the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes was subject to significant and varied interpretations that have resulted in diverse and inconsistent accounting practices and measurements. Addressing such diversity, FIN 48 prescribes a consistent recognition threshold and measurement attribute, as well as clear criteria for subsequently recognizing, derecognizing and measuring changes in such tax positions for financial statement purposes. FIN 48 also requires expanded disclosure with respect to the uncertainty in income taxes. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. We adopted the provisions of FIN 48 effective December 31, 2006 which did not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial results. Refer to Note 10.

We adopted the recognition and disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans—an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)" ("SFAS 158") as of December 30, 2006. This Standard includes two phases of implementation. The second phase of SFAS 158 requires that the valuation date of plan accounts be as of the end of the fiscal year, with that change required to be implemented by fiscal years ending after December 15, 2008. We will change the valuation date relating to our foreign plans which will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 establishes a single authoritative definition of fair value, sets out framework for measuring fair value and expands on required disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and will be applied prospectively. The provisions of SFAS 157 are not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities—Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115" ("SFAS 159"). This Standard allows companies to elect to follow fair value accounting for certain financial assets and liabilities in an effort to mitigate volatility in earnings without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. SFAS 159 is applicable only to certain financial instruments and is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The provisions of SFAS 159 are not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The conversion features of our 2013 Notes are equity-linked derivatives. As such, we recognize these instruments as off-balance sheet arrangements. The conversion features associated with these

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notes would be accounted for as derivative instruments, except that they are indexed to our common stock and classified in stockholders' equity. Therefore, these instruments meet the scope of exception of paragraph 11(a) of SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivatives Instruments and Hedging Activities," and are accordingly not accounted for as derivatives for purposes of SFAS No. 133.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

Certain of our financial instruments are subject to market risks, including interest rate risk and foreign currency exchange rates. We generally do not use financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The fair value of our marketable securities is subject to interest rate risk and will fall in value if market interest rates increase. If market rates were to increase immediately and uniformly by 100 basis points from levels at September 29, 2007, then the fair value of the portfolio would decline by approximately \$0.3 million.

We have entered into two credit agreements, the \$428 million credit agreement (prior to July 31, 2006, the \$660 million credit agreement) and the \$50 million credit agreement. Our primary interest rate exposure results from changes in LIBOR or the base rates which are used to determine the applicable interest rates under our term loans in the \$428 million credit agreement and in the \$50 million agreement and our revolving credit facilities. Our potential loss over one year that would result from a hypothetical, instantaneous and unfavorable change of 100 basis points in the interest rate would be approximately \$3.9 million on a pre-tax basis. The book value of our debt approximates fair value.

We issued \$350 million of the 2013 Notes in a private placement in the second quarter of 2006. The convertible senior debenture notes bear an interest rate of 2.25%. The fair market value of the outstanding notes was \$449.8 million on September 29, 2007.

#### Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

We operate on a global basis and have exposure to some foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations for our earnings and cash flows. This risk is mitigated by the fact that various foreign operations are principally conducted in their respective local currencies. A portion of our foreign operations' revenue is denominated in U.S. dollars, with the costs accounted for in their local currencies. We attempt to minimize this exposure by using certain financial instruments, for purposes other than trading, in accordance with our overall risk management and our hedge policy. In accordance with our hedge policy, we designate such transactions as hedges as set forth in SFAS No. 133.

During 2007, we utilized foreign exchange contracts, principally to hedge the impact of currency fluctuations on customer transactions and certain balance sheet items. There were no contracts open as of September 29, 2007.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

#### (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on their evaluation, required by paragraph (b) of Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15, promulgated by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act are effective as of September 29, 2007 to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the

Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurances of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in designing and evaluating the controls and procedures. We continually are in the process of further reviewing and documenting our disclosure controls and procedures, and our internal control over financial reporting, and accordingly may from time to time make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness and to ensure that our systems evolve with our business.

#### (b) Changes in Internal Controls

There were no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) of the Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 that occurred during the quarter ended September 29, 2007 that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### Part II. Other Information

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2006, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table provides information relating to the Company's purchases of shares of its common stock during the quarter ended September 29, 2007.

		Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
	July 1, 2007—July 28, 2007	132,380	\$ 52.10	132,000	\$ 121,685,675
	July 29, 2007—August 25, 2007	141,881	\$ 52.11	120,000	\$ 115,448,309
	August 26, 2007—September 29, 2007	130,520 \$	\$ 54.00	129,800	\$ 108,437,948
Total:		404,781 \$	\$ 52.72	381,800	\$ 108,437,948

The Board of Directors of the Company has authorized a share repurchase program, originally authorized on July 27, 2005 and subsequently amended on October 26, 2005 and May 9, 2006, to acquire up to a total of \$300.0 million of common stock. The program does not have a fixed expiration date. On August 1, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized an additional increase of the Company's share repurchase program by \$100.0 million.

During the quarter ended September 29, 2007, the Company repurchased 381,800 shares of common stock for approximately \$20.1 million. The timing and amount of any future repurchases will depend on market conditions and corporate considerations. Additionally, the Company's 2000 Incentive Plan permits the netting of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock awards in order to satisfy individual tax withholding requirements. Accordingly, during the quarter ended September 29, 2007, the Company acquired 22,981 shares as a result of such withholdings for approximately \$1.2 million.

#### Item 6. Exhibits

#### (a) Exhibits

31.1	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer required by
	Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act. Filed herewith.

- 31.2 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act. Filed herewith.
- 32.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act. Filed herewith.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

# CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

November 8, 2007

/s/ JAMES C. FOSTER

James C. Foster Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

November 8, 2007

/s/ THOMAS F. ACKERMAN

Thomas F. Ackerman Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**SIGNATURES** 

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 AND RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

I, James C. Foster, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the registrant);
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: November 8, 2007

/s/ JAMES C. FOSTER

James C. Foster *Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer* Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Exhibit 31.1

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 AND RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

I, Thomas F. Ackerman, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the registrant);
- Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: November 8, 2007

## /s/ THOMAS F. ACKERMAN

Thomas F. Ackerman Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Exhibit 31.2

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 29, 2007 of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the "Company") as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, James C. Foster, the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, and Thomas F. Ackerman, Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, each hereby certifies, to the best of his knowledge and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: November 8, 2007

/s/ JAMES C. FOSTER

James C. Foster *Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer* Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Dated: November 8, 2007

/s/ THOMAS F. ACKERMAN

Thomas F. Ackerman Corporate Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Exhibit 32.1